

Detailed ECS Notes from 01/13/2023

Report from the Chair

- *On the University Technology Council (UTC):* The following faculty will serve on the UTC: Beomkyu Choi-CECI, Parag Uma Kosalge-SCOB, Laura Stroik-CLAS, Robert Talbert-CLAS, Marie Vanderkooi-KCON, Randy Wyble-CHP.
- *On the UAS Newsletter 2023:* The theme is *Lakers Ready for Equity and Sustainability*. The deadline to submit an article to Chair Ngassa is March 15.
- *On an Update on the NPC meeting of December 7, 2022:* NPC voted unanimously to approve creation of a new school in BCOIS. The official memo was sent to the Provost and Chair Ngassa reported on decision at the 12/9 UAS meeting. Senate leadership met with BCOIS faculty from BCOIS Faculty Council, and the heads of the units and programs affected by the new proposal. Senate leadership requested written input that was shared with the NPC. NPC members read the comments and were asked to inform Chair Ngassa if this information would have changed vote; all NPC members said that this information would not have changed their vote. Chair Ngassa has closed the loop with the Provost.
- *On the Next ECS Meeting of 01/20/23:* The next meeting of UAS will be 01/20/2023. The agenda will include a Presentation on GVSU Employee Retention Data by AP Executive Committee, APSC Memo on Academic Freedom, APSC Memo on Cancellation, Closure, and Remote Status During Final Exams, FSBC Memo on Adjunct Pay, FSBC Memo on Update to Faculty Salary Adjustment Program, FSBC Memo on Affiliate Promotional Increment, FSBC Memo on Administrative Salaries, APSC Memo on Late Withdrawals Policy.

Report from the Provost

- *On the Rapid Response Team and the Narrative Team:* The teams have been given their charges, which revolve around the first-year experience.
- *On the Email from President Mantella on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Week:* The email contains information on the many events planned during Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Week. It also contains comments on what is happening in Ottawa County and information on the I & E Implementation Team.

Report from the Student Senate President

- *On Elections:* The elections committee is preparing for the next election cycle.
- *On Credit/No Credit Legislation:* The credit/no credit legislation will be discussed at ECS at the February 10 ECS meeting.
- *On the Student Senate Schedule:* The Student Senate schedule is on the Student Senate website, which has been fully updated, modeled after the Reach Higher 2025 website.
- *On the State of the Student Body:* The *State of the Student Body* is being planned for February.

New Business

- *On the Update on Differential Tuition Discussion:* Pam Wells, Bonnie Bowen, and Suzanne Benet provided information on the tuition model used at GVSU. Undergraduate tuition rates are based on lower or upper division, in state or out of state residency, block tuition, and fees for courses/disciplines to offset higher costs. Combined degree students pay the undergraduate rate until they complete 12 credit hours of graduate courses or earn the bachelor's degree; then they are assessed graduate tuition. Graduate rates are assessed based on program (category 1-4) for master's programs. Doctoral rates are higher than master's rates. Peer institutions assess tuition by student level, similar to GV, not level of class (75%), 70% MI publics do. Combined degrees are good values even if students take a small number of undergraduate courses at the graduate rate because it shortens the time to the master's degree since 12 credits are double counted. There may be situations where a graduate student has not completed all prerequisites to complete a graduate program; students are charged graduate tuition rates for prerequisite courses. A benefit to being admitted to a graduate program even if have

prerequisites left is they know they are admitted. In 2022-23 there were 248 instances in which students took 1597 credits of undergraduate courses at graduate rates and 120 instances of students took 886 credits of graduate courses paying undergraduate rates. In reviewing 2021-22, this impacted about ½ of 1% of all student credit hours. The plan is to maintain the current tuition and fee structure.

- *On the Discussion on Role of NPC and review of SG 2.05.4.b:* This agenda item came out of BCOIS and concerns because it says that NPC will seek input from existing units. There are a lot of questions about what this means and the role of faculty in reorganization. Typically, the faculty who are involved in a reorganization are invited to NPC. The Chair looks at the proposal and invites the units involved and those mentioned as co-authors. In the NPC meeting to discuss the reorganization of BCOIS, not everyone was involved, as this was a wholesale reorganization. Chair Ngassa did follow up with BCOIS faculty, and much of the feedback was not in support of the reorganization. The BCOIS Dean had interpreted the policy language as he was supposed to seek the input, and he provided evidence of this to NPC, but the argument of those who raised this issue is that the NPC themselves should ask for feedback. NPC looks at SAIL and the authors. In the BCOIS reorganization, the authors included, the Dean, Associate Dean and Taskforce Chair. The policy says “all units who are impacted by the proposal.” If there is a process deficiency, it’s with being clear about what is needed in the proposal (i.e., letters of support). This would make it clearer to the NPC members. There is a question about the meaning of “existing units.” It doesn’t really make sense for NPC to have to conduct a survey, but there should be letters of support from a representative of each affected unit (usually chair), and the due diligence of the representative should involve getting feedback from colleagues in the unit. NPC has specific expertise: budget, curriculum, and graduate council. Decisions are based on that expertise. It’s important to note that NPC doesn’t approve proposals, NPC makes recommendations.
- *On the Review of Proposal to Amend SG 1.01 Sections 2.2.2.1 & 2.2.2.2:* Section 2.2.2.1 states that NPC reviews proposals for new academic units (SG 2.05). It was proposed to add “including those that arise from college restructurings.” Section 2.2.2.2. states that where no established policies and procedures exist, proposals shall be submitted to the Provost, who will review them and consult the Chair of the UAS about how to address them. The Chair will report to the ECS when such proposals are made. It was proposed to add “(See also the procedures in SG 2.05 and SG 2.06.)” A suggestion was made to put this on the agenda of the ECS spring/summer retreat and have a new conversation about NPC and it’s purpose. A motion to accept this as a report and discuss this at the spring/summer retreat passed.
- *On the FPPC Memo on Authorship Guidelines for Collaborative Scholarship:* In working on its charge related to authorship, FPPC found that the CSCE website includes a good guideline for authorship, and they proposed putting what is on the CSCE website onto the Provost website. The motion to thank the committee for fulfilling its charge and act on behalf of UAS to forward to the Provost’s Office for implementation passed.
- *On the Graduate Council 8-Year Time Limit Policy:* For graduate programs, students have 8 years from their first semester to complete the program. This proposal expands this policy to microcredentials. A motion to support with recommendation to UAS passed.
- *On the FSBC Memo on Independent Studies Compensation:* This memo recommends that faculty earn half of the tuition generated by an independent study, with the maximum amount being the current adjunct instructor minimum per credit hour. A motion to support with recommendation to UAS passed.
- *On the FSBC Memo on Student Pay.* FSBC provided as information a memo in support of the Student Senate Memo on Student Pay.
- *On the Student Senate Memo on Student Pay:* This memo recommended recomposing the student wage classification charge and conducting a labor market analysis to all of the student positions in order to give a fair pay, and to add a taskforce to take care of the logistics. It was mentioned that student employment should be included in #4 of the recommendation. A motion to support the Student Senate resolution and forward to UAS was supported.